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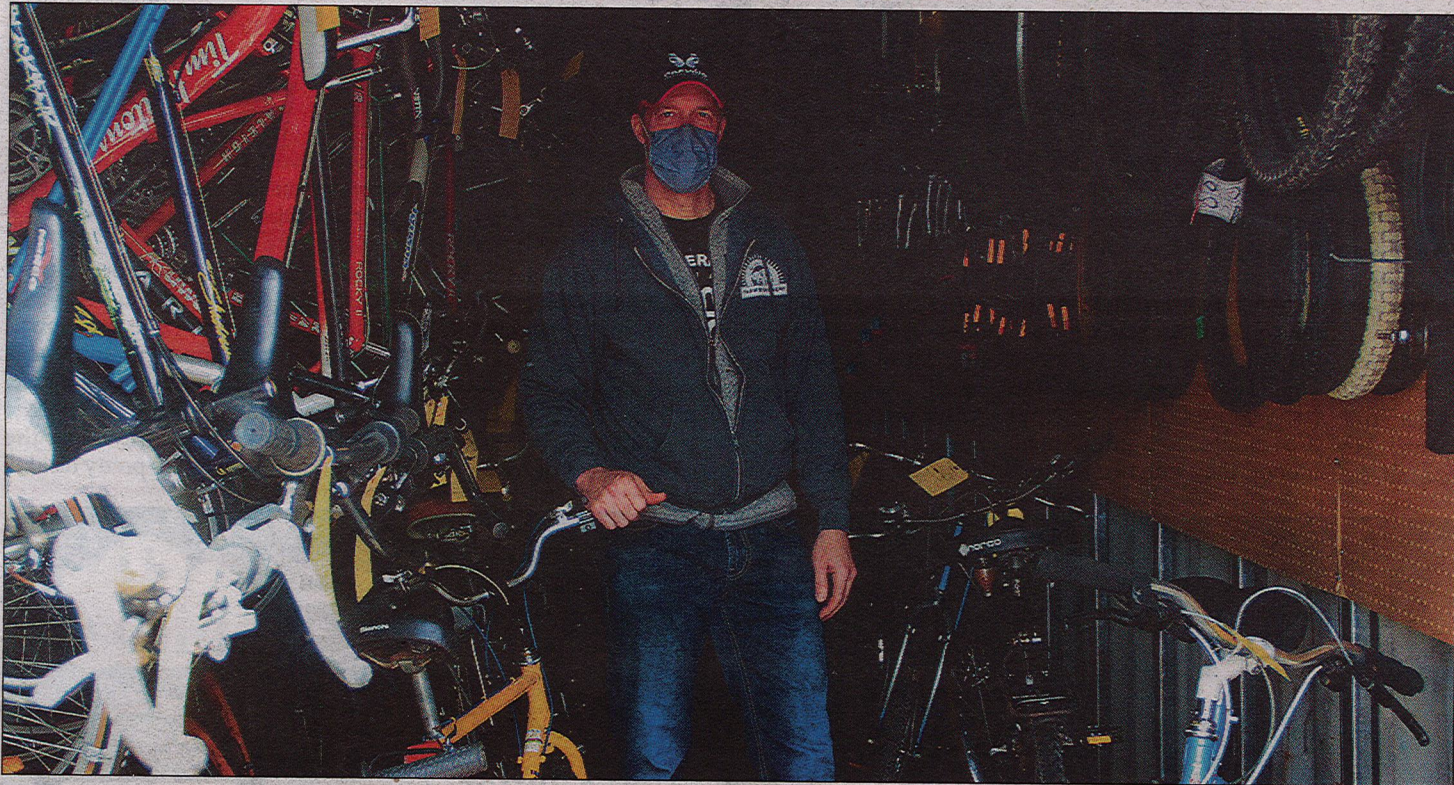
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Joe Viel, manager and head mechanic at Cloverdale Community Cycles, stands among some of the bikes he'll be selling April 10. The cycle shop is located directly behind Pacific Community Church at 5337 180 Street. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

Cloverdale Community Cycles to hold used bike sale on April 10

Malin Jordan
Cloverdale Reporter

Cloverdale Community Cycles is selling all their used bikes.

"It's a fundraiser ... for us," said Matthew

Campbell, director for Cloverdale Community Cycles and the Cloverdale Community Kitchen. "We've got tonnes and tonnes of bikes."

All the bikes they've received since opening

last April have finally been repaired.

He said they've matched a great number of those donated bikes up with homeless people and other low-income individuals. But now

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Clayton woman arrested for selling fake travel vouchers

Malin Jordan
Cloverdale Reporter

A Surrey woman was arrested in Alberta last month on fraud charges after allegedly selling fake travel vouchers.

Alexandra Beckow from Clayton Heights was arrested in Surrey March 18 after a nearly two-year investigation by the Airdrie RCMP.

"The victims reported they had purchased travel vouchers from Beckow or had fraudulent charges on their credit cards," RCMP said in a press release.

Airdrie RCMP started the investigation in May 2019.

So far, police say 47 people have come forward. The Mounties said people from B.C., Alberta, and Ontario were collectively victims of more than \$250,000 in fraud.

Beckow was sent back to Alberta for a

bail hearing that took place March 24.

Danielle DiAmore Peterson posted to the Clayton Heights Block Watch Facebook page April 2 warning the 40-year-old Beckow had returned to Clayton Heights. She said Beckow sometimes goes by Alex Davidson.

"She personally scammed my husband and I a few months ago. After pressing charges, I've come to learn that she has scammed many many other innocent people (more than what is stated in this article)," she wrote.

"In our case, she took her time, befriended us, created a fake backstory, lured us in with empathy + compassion to her. She pretended to be a close friend of ours, she spent a lot of time with my family and I and I fully trusted her at the time."

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Repair shop selling bikes for both kids and adults

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it's time to clear out the rest.

Campbell said sale prices basically reflect the cost of the parts and labour that were put into repairs. They have about 100 bikes for sale. Kids bikes start at \$50 and adult bikes start at \$100.

Apart from the completed repairs, all the bikes have been tuned up too. "That's about \$60-70 value alone," Campbell noted.

Joe Viel is the cycle shop's manager and head mechanic. He has a passion for cycling and he's been working on bikes for more than two decades spanning California, Hawaii, and now Canada.

He said the shop is busy everyday, but their isn't a backlog. However, Viel thinks with the weather changing the demand for services will pick up.

"We're staying busy," Viel said. "We're not swamped. It's still a good time to get your bikes in and you'll get it back in a day or two."

Last summer, the bike shop was overwhelmed with demand for its services and had to close temporarily to catch up.

Campbell said for that reason, the CCC is still looking for volunteers who want to come down to the shop and work on bikes for a few



Joe Viel, manager and head mechanic at Cloverdale Community Cycles, chats with a customer April 6. More than 100 used bikes will be up for sale at the bike shop April 10. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

hours. He said anyone interested in volunteering can visit cccbikes.ca for more info.

"This is a community bike shop,"

added Campbell. "We built it with the community, for the community, and it's really neat to see different people coming down and volun-

teering and helping to fix bikes."

Campbell said his volunteers will even let keeners watch a repair and teach them how to do it. That way

they can fix their own bikes. He said most people want to find out how to fix a flat.

"The shop is about a lot more than just services. We're gonna teach you some basic bike maintenance along the way, so that you can do some of those things for yourself."

Campbell noted costs for repairs at the shop are priced low and offer a lot of value for money. He said they waive costs for those who can't afford it and ask for donations from those who can't afford the full price of repairs.

He said they will still continue to provide bikes to the less fortunate. "Anyone in need can get a free or discounted bike from us," said Campbell. "We're committed to making sure everyone can access a bike."

The sale is set to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 10.

The sale will occur nearly one year to the day the cycle shop completed its first repair on April 13, 2020.

Cloverdale Community Cycles is located directly behind Pacific Community Church at 5337 180 Street.

For more information, visit cccbikes.ca, email info@ccbikes.ca, or call 778-617-3003.

Surrey mayor to ask council to stand in solidarity with Indian farmers

Lauren Collins
Black Press Media

Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum says he stands in solidarity with the farmers in India and will be asking the rest of council to do the same.

McCallum said he will be bringing forward a motion at the April 12 meeting, asking council to join him in this motion "and show that Surrey stands in solidarity with the farmers in India," according to an emailed statement Tuesday (April 6).

Three bills were put forward in India in September that protesters say

will hurt small-time farmers in India.

Since then, protests have been happening daily in India and have expanded around the world, including to Surrey.

"Many residents of Surrey have family and friends in India who have been adversely impacted by the faming bills passed in their ancestral land," McCallum noted. "The changes affecting the farmers in India threaten their livelihood and their protests have been met with a heavy hand by the Government of India."

He added with April being Sikh

Heritage Month and also marking Vaisakhi, "it is timely and fitting that City Council supports this important issue that affects so many of Surrey's Indian community."

Meantime, Vancouver city council recently passed a motion to support farmers in India.

Protesters at Cloverdale Fairgrounds show their support for farmers in India in December, 2020. Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum will be bringing forward a motion at the April 12 meeting, asking council to stand in solidarity with farmers in India. (File photo: Jason Sveinson)



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